



Tuition to raise 6 percent again next year across system

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LINCOLN — Friday the Board of Regents voted 7-1 to raise tuition at UNO next year by 6 percent, or \$9.25 per credit hour, continuing a four-year trend of stable tuition increases.

The 6 percent includes a 1 percent overall tuition increase required by Legislative Bill 605, the university's deferred maintenance bill. The bill provides funding for university renovation projects such as the Criss Library renovation.

Regent Randy Ferlic, who represents portions of Douglas and Sarpy counties, cast the sole nay vote, reiterating his position that the university needs stable tuition. Ferlic also cast the only dissenting vote last June when the university raised tuition.

"I have problems with the 6 percent, as you well know," Ferlic said. "I'm extremely concerned about student debt and what it does to the futures of students in the state of Nebraska and their opportunities to remain in the state. And my job, as Wayne Gretzky said, is not to see where the puck has been, it's where the puck is going, and I see hard times ahead for our students."

Ferlic said, while he did applaud the university's efforts, led by President James B. Milliken, to increase cost efficiency, he felt that more productivity was possible. He also said UNL's proposed general education revisions and UNO's 12-month calendar initiative would help bring the university closer to achieving some of its goals.

Regent Howard Hawks, who represents portions of eastern Nebraska, said he agreed with Ferlic in principle but was encouraged by the university not balancing its budget with tuition. Hawks said the university instead saved 2 percent or 3 percent worth of additional increases by tightening its budget.

In addition to budget restraints, Milliken cited an increase in the university's Tuition Assistance Program, which provides need-based financial aid to undergraduate, resident students who are eligible for a Pell grant. This year, the program covered tuition costs for students with families earning less than \$38,500.

"This year, we expanded it to a broader group of Nebraskans beyond Pell-grant eligibility to a typical Nebraska family of \$45,000," Milliken said. "This is a great promise from the state and the University of Nebraska to provide access to those students assisted with tuition, a guarantee essentially that you will not be responsible for your own tuition charges if you're in that income level. This is a commitment from the University of Nebraska, one of the broadest in the country."

The Board of Regents has raised tuition 5 percent the last four years, beginning in 2005 and including an additional 1 percent for LB 605 since 2006. Prior to that, in the early '00s, NU students saw double-digit increases: 10 percent in 2001 and 2002, 15 percent in 2003 and 12 percent

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Midwest pummeled by tornadoes Four Boy Scouts dead, many injured in Little Sioux, Iowa

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Four Boy Scouts were killed and 48 others were injured in a tornado that hit a wilderness camp in Little Sioux, Iowa, during a severe storm that crossed the Midwest, including Omaha and Council Bluffs, Wednesday night.

The four boys were identified as Josh Fennen, 13; Sam Thomsen, 13; and Ben Petrzilka, 14, all of Omaha, along with Aaron Eilerts, 14, of Eagle Grove, Iowa.

More than 90 campers and 25 adults were attending a leadership camp at the Little Sioux Scout Ranch when the tornado struck.

According to the Omaha World-Herald, the Boy Scouts were split into two groups. One group took shelter before the tornado sirens went off; the other group was out on a hike. The four boys were killed by a stone chimney the tornado knocked in.

In an interview with the World-Herald, Boy Scout Ethan Hession described his experience surviving the tornado.

As he crouched in a corner of the cabin, he heard a thunderous roar. Glass and debris began to fall all around

him and he was struck in the head. Just as soon as it started, it was over, Hession said.

Hession said he stood up and began helping fellow scouts free the injured from the rubble.

By the time the storm passed, the Little Sioux Scout Ranch was in shambles. All around the camp, trees were torn out of the ground, buildings had been destroyed and debris littered the ground.

Iowa Governor Chet Culver praised the Boy Scouts that jumped into action moments after the tornado passed as "heroes"

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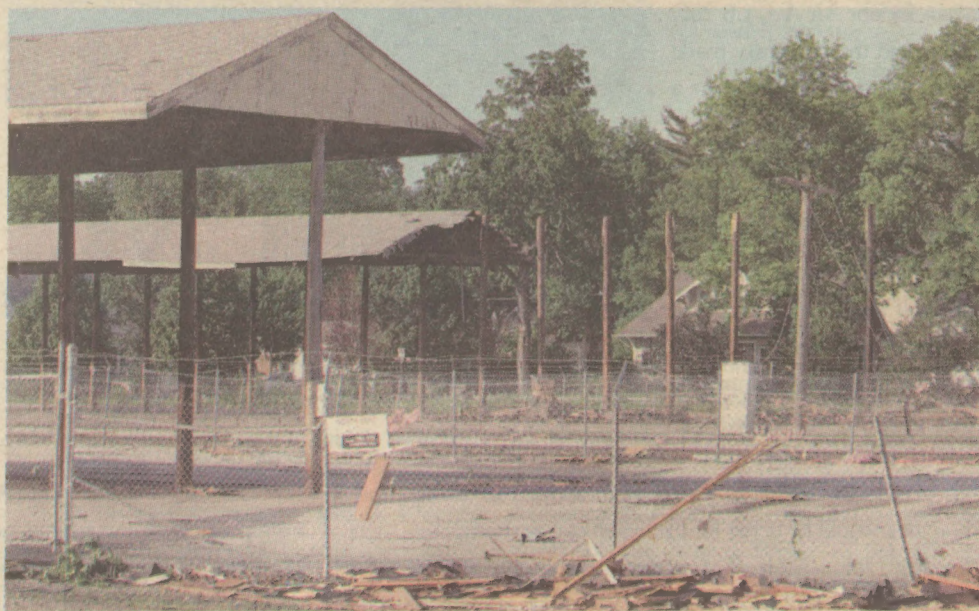


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The recently closed Millard Lumber yard was in the path of one of the tornadoes that struck the southwest Omaha area on May 8.

Development to boom on Pacific Street campus

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Over the next few years, the development area next to UNO's Pacific Street campus will take on a whole new feel.

Aksarben Village, the area between Pine Street and West Center Road from Aksarben Drive to 63rd Street, is aiming to become a midtown Old Market for the Omaha community.

The village will be a blend of residential areas, office buildings, stores, restaurants, movie theaters and a hotel. It will also feature a new public park.

"The goal of Aksarben Village is to try to create a



PHOTO BY VALERIE LOSEKE

A Marriott hotel will be one of the new developments on Pacific Street campus, including entertainment areas.

community asset that will be able to last for the next 100 years," said Jay Noddle, the lead developer of the project and president of Noddle Companies, at an informative meeting on campus June 5.

Four other companies are also collaborating with Noddle: Magnum Development, RWH Development, Broadmoor Development and Hancock/Alchemy.

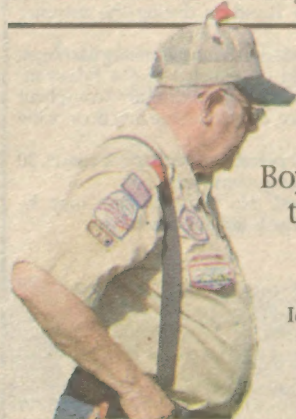
"With the cooperation of UNO and other surrounding areas, all of the sudden the planning area was much greater than just the 80 acres, in fact the area now totals just over 200 acres," Noddle said. "Hopefully, everyone realizes how important the university has been to this development. This would not be happening if UNO wasn't doing the things they are."

Magnum Development is responsible for the design and construction of an Aksarben Village entertainment center named Zone 5. The center will house a 12-screen movie theater, restaurants, bowling alley, arcade, bars and fitness center.

"By the third quarter to the early fourth quarter of 2009 we will see the first occupants of the entertainment zone open for business," Noddle said.

The village will also have a community lawn area with seating for up to 4,000 people, a performance shell, water features and gardens. A 90-foot tower will serve as the focal

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Boy Scouts describe tornado's terror

More coverage of the tragedy in Little Sioux, Iowa, as scouts recall their terrifying experience.

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Creighton to go tobacco-free

Tobacco products will be banned starting July 1 on Creighton's campus, while UNO still debates action.

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Creighton to implement campus-wide tobacco ban

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Creighton students, faculty and staff wanting to grab a quick smoke between classes will have a difficult choice to make starting next month: go without or leave campus.

Starting July 1, Creighton University will go tobacco-free, completely banning tobacco use from all university facilities and property. The only exception will be university-approved research involving tobacco use.

Director of Public Relations Deb Daley said The Cardiac Center at Creighton University had gone smoke free with "a positive experience." Between the known health risks and the recent passage of the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act, LB 395, Daley said the university made up its mind to transition to a tobacco-free environment.

"It's going very well," said Syed Mohiuddin, the chairman of the university's Tobacco-Free Task Force. "About two, two and half years ago, I proposed to Father Schlegel we ought to have the entire campus be tobacco free. We did have the existing policies which made the inside the buildings smoke free, but outside the buildings people were allowed to smoke, and I thought it would be better for the health of everybody."

Rev. John Schlegel, Creighton's president, announced in November that Mohiuddin would lead a group of students, faculty and representatives of different sections and facilities to develop and implement a university-wide tobacco policy, Daley said.

Daley said the university wanted a lot of time to make the transition, and initially the policy will focus on informing campus community members of the new rules and support services available, including a Commit to Quit program free for faculty. Special events and a Web site for students are also planned.

"I think we had an anticipation that a lot of staff would be really negative toward this but we actually found quite the opposite," Daley said.

Student had concerns about the ban focused on enforcement, which has been the crux of debate in UNO's Student Senate regarding support for a similar ban. Mohiuddin said some groups wanted strict rules from the beginning while others wanted more time for education.

Next year, once the ban has been in place, Mohiuddin said infractions would be reported to a supervisor or dean. First offense

would receive warning, but subsequent offences would likely accrue penalties, which would be established next year.

For more information on Creighton's anti-tobacco policy, visit tobaccofree.creighton.edu.

Creighton ban fits growing trend

UNO Director of Student Health Services Marcia Adler said Creighton's ban is part of a larger trend of universities going tobacco free.

"We're late doing it," Alder said. "It's a trend that's coming."

The City of Omaha passed a partial smoking ban in June 2006 that banned smoking in public places except for stand-alone bars, Horseman's Park and keno establishments.

Omaha's ban followed a stricter complete ban by the City of Lincoln, which went into effect in January 2005.

With Nebraska's passage of LB 395, public places statewide will go smoke-free in June 2009, with tobacco shops, some hotel rooms, some laboratories and business in private homes, other than licensed child care facilities

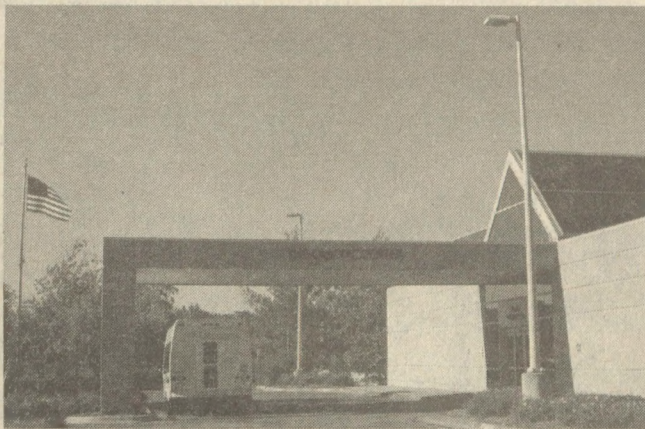


PHOTO BY VALERIE LOSEKE

The Cardiac Center at Creighton has led the way for the entire campus, having become smoke-free about two years ago.

being the only exceptions.

On May 30, the Nebraska Supreme Court ruled that the exemptions were unconstitutional since they did not take the health of employees at exempted businesses into account. It was expected that the entirety of Omaha would be smoke free by June 30.

Other universities across the nation have been implementing smoking bans as well. Mohiuddin said Eastern Michigan University, for instance, has been smoke free for five years.

Eastern Michigan's policy, however, is not as strict as Creighton: tobacco use is permitted outside, 25 feet from any building entrance, air intake duct or window, according to the university's Web site. Tobacco is also banned in outdoor areas where seating is available and university vehicles are located.

UNO ban faces enforcement, political problems

Legislation calling for smoking bans have been considered several times by UNO's student government, most recently this spring. A proposal by former Sen. Holly Byers would have sought to establish eight "free smoking" zones across campus as part of a compromised ban. Senators first sent the resolution back to committee then voted it down on April 10, citing concerns about a

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Regents pass resolution regarding Fair petition

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LINCOLN – The University of Nebraska took a public stand against a petition effort to repeal Legislative Bill 1116, which allows for the Nebraska State Fair to move from the Nebraska State Fairgrounds in Lancaster County.

LB 1116 is anticipated to move the State Fair to Grand Island, allowing the current Nebraska State Fairgrounds to be purchased by the university. UNL intends to build "Innovation Campus," a public-private research and development campus that encourages private businesses to work with university research faculty on the site.

On Friday, the Board of Regents unanimously passed a resolution calling on Nebraskans to not sign a petition being circulated by FairVoteNebraska.com, which is trying to gather about 600,000 signatures by July 16 to put the referendum on the ballot this November. There was no discussion of the resolution at the meeting.

The full text of the resolution is available on the Gateway's Web site, unogateway.com.

In other business, the Board of Regents:

- Established a new charter for the Peter Kiewit Institute on UNO's Pacific Street campus, updating the institute's mission and establishing a new position of chief director and chief science officer, who report directly to Milliken;

- Approved the fiscal year 2008-09 operating budget and fiscal years 2009-10 and 2010-11 biennial operating budget request;

- OK'd the naming of the new College of Administration Building on UNO's Pacific Street campus, scheduled to open in fall 2010, as "Mammel Hall," in commemoration of Carl and Joyce Mammel's support of UNO;

- Met in closed session to discuss mediation in University of Nebraska v. BASF Corp., a lawsuit focused on a 1993 agreement between the university and BASF Corp. regarding intellectual property rights with respect to research on crops resistant to a herbicide, according to legal documents obtained by a LexisNexis search. The university sued BASF Corp. claiming ownership of the know-how, inventions and patents stemming from the research performed by university personnel under the agreement.

Crime Log

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Tuesday, May 27

7:55 p.m. Campus Security was dispatched to University Village regarding a complaint of a controlled substance violation. Further investigation resulted in the arrest of a student for possession of a controlled substance by Omaha police.

Assistant Manager of Campus Security Paul Kosel said the substance was less than an ounce of marijuana.

Wednesday, May 28

8:45 p.m. Campus Security was dispatched to the

Criss Library regarding a complaint of lewd conduct. Further investigation resulted in the arrest of a visitor for lewd conduct by Omaha police.

Kosel said a female reported that a male visitor exposed himself; he was later identified and denied doing committing the crime.

Thursday, June 5

11:15 p.m. Campus Security responded to a complaint of an alcohol violation in Lot K. Further investigation disclosed a visitor with alcohol in his vehicle and alcohol in an apartment of University Village.

Kosel said one student, the occupant of the apartment, was referred for disciplinary action.

For the Record

In the article, "Alum, family survive being tied up, threatened during home invasion," published in the June 3 issue, the date that *Omaha World-Herald* photographer Rudy Smith was presented the UNO School of Communication's lifetime achievement award was omitted. He received the award on Friday, May 2.

In the opinion column "From the District: On a crowded train of isolation," Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonin Scalia was incorrectly identified as the Chief Justice of the United States. The chief justice is John Roberts.

The Gateway apologizes for these mistakes.

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From the District: love of soccer, Christian charity are rediscovered

WASHINGTON — I've recently rediscovered my addiction to soccer. Now that I'm in a city with an Major League Soccer team, I've made an effort attend as many D.C. United games as possible. I've even enjoyed watching Union of European Football Association's Euro 2008 tournament on ESPN just as much as the live soccer in the District (OK, that may be a little bit of an exaggeration).

Attendance to the games, however, has helped me rediscover more than just a passion for the sport — it's helped me rediscover the necessity to serve others.

This past weekend, I was heading home on the metro after United's latest win and was quietly approached by a man asking if I had 45 cents. I nodded my head 'no,' thinking I didn't have change, so he proceeded on to a young man, presumably in the military from the looks of the gray Army hoodie he wore.

He again requested change and, without speaking, the young man dug around his jean pockets searching. I looked on as he pulled out a \$20 bill he crumpled into a ball to give discretely, so as to not embarrass the man any further. The man graciously accepted the money and put it into his makeshift jean shorts and left as the doors of the train opened.

It crossed my mind that it didn't look as if the man needed that much cash. He didn't look particularly dirty or poor, just that he was short 45 cents on his fare card. I wanted to slap myself as soon as I realized the selfish thought. Immediately, the magnitude of the gift brought me down to reality.

It was simultaneously heartbreaking and uplifting to see someone selflessly give with ease. I wanted to weep in shame for my judgmental attitude and also in thanksgiving, after witnessing his kindness. I had the urge to give the proud soldier a hug, although I restrained myself. I couldn't help but wonder if this young man was a Christian and began to reflect on my own actions or lack of actions to witness through good work.

It struck me that this man did not act out of selfish ambition. He did not need, nor want anything in return; it is acts like these that convince me witnessing through deeds is more effective than preaching the word many may find hard to relate to.

I also wondered how much charity is too much — didn't this soldier find it enough to serve his country? Did he really need to give \$20 to a stranger? Better yet, why did he give so freely?

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Controlled Chaos



Cassy Loseke

The Supreme Court's restoration of the Great Writ: a slip opinion

I'm not a lawyer, although I wouldn't mind someday being one if it meant I could contribute to assuring that the rule of law is upheld in this country.

I started out intending to write a column about how the Supreme Court of the United States struck down key portions of the Military Commissions Act on Friday. This decision restored the Great Writ of Habeas Corpus, the right to appear in court to determine whether you are lawfully imprisoned, for those deemed "enemy combatants" and incarcerated indefinitely at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.

While researching this momentous restoration of liberty, I read portions of the courts' slip opinion for the case, *Boumediene v. Bush*. The opinion is perhaps one of the most moving pieces I have read in a long time — its simplicity, clarity and strength affirms how fundamental our rights are to the preservation of the republic.

So, rather than opine at length, I would like to share the opinion of the court, written by Reagan-appointed Associate Justice Anthony Kennedy, as it struck down the challenges to the Great Writ:

"In considering both the procedural and

substantive standards used to impose detention to prevent acts of terrorism, proper deference must be accorded to the political branches. See *United States v. Curtiss-Wright Export Corp.*, 299 U. S. 304, 320 (1936). Unlike the President and some designated Members of Congress, neither the Members of this Court nor most federal judges begin the day with briefings that may describe new and serious threats to our Nation and its people. The law must accord the

Executive substantial authority to apprehend and detain those who pose a real danger to our security.

"Officials charged with daily operational responsibility for our security may consider a judicial discourse on the history of the Habeas Corpus Act of 1679 and like matters to be far removed from the Nation's present, urgent concerns. Established legal doctrine, however, must be consulted

for its teaching. Remote in time; irrelevant to the present it is not. Security depends upon a sophisticated intelligence apparatus and the ability of our Armed Forces to act and to interdict. There are further considerations, however. Security subsists, too, in fidelity to freedom's first principles. Chief among these

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Sinister Slant



Scott Stewart

ATTENTION UNO STUDENTS

BILL DUE DATES

JUNE 19th - Balance due

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LATE PAYMENT FEE

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It is the responsibility of each student to know the tuition payment schedule, the late payment fee policy and the refund policy and deadlines.

Student E-Bills are available on E-BRUNO. Please check your UNO student e-mail account for your billing notification, or for more information regarding our billing policies.

Polar bears, oil: American greed needs to be restrained by people

I am tired of hearing about rising gas prices, but not for the reasons you might think: I am tired of hearing people who do nothing to help the environment complain about gas prices.

These people insist that we drill on U.S. soil, use our own natural resources and stop fighting for oil in the Middle East. The same people blame Democrats for the problem, saying they are at fault for not allowing drilling in Alaska and the Arctic. They blame Congress for not doing something.

My thought is that the American people are to blame for our current situation.

They twice put a president in office who is a known as an "oil man," who led us to war in the Middle East over just that. They drive Hummers and SUVs and other gas-guzzling vehicles and then complain that it takes \$100 dollars to fill their tank.

They refuse to recycle because they believe global warming isn't real and it's too late to save the planet anyway. They say it's sad that the polar bears are dying, but people are more important.

Is oil honestly more important than polar bears?

Everyone talks about energy independence, but no one wants the unsightly

wind energy panel in their back yard. Everyone wants to use our natural resources, but what happens when those are gone? Who will the American people blame next?

The problem isn't Democrats or Congress, or even President Bush, much to my chagrin.

It's the American lifestyle. Everything has to be bigger, better and faster, and no one wants to wait for a real solution.

Quick fixes that lead to generations of problems are perfectly fine as long as they make us comfortable right now. Who cares about our children and our children's children? Don't they deserve to see polar bears?

What infuriates me the most about the people I hear these complaints from isn't

the gas issue.

It's that they are more upset that we are begging for oil in the Middle East than that we are fighting an illegal war in the Middle East. People are ready to march on Washington and demand a revolution for oil, but not for the soldiers who are over in Iraq dying every day.

This leads me to believe that people not only think oil is more important than polar bears, but people, too. America needs a revolution, but not the kind we're looking for.

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Storms bring tragedy,

Boy Scouts at Iowa camp describe tornado's terror

BY JASON NOBLE
KANSAS CITY STAR

BLENCOE, Iowa (MCT) — The collar of Zach Jessen's scout uniform was scuffed with dirt. His arm was welted and bruised and his back, he said, looked like someone had gone over it with a baseball bat.

Despite all that, Zach was up, active and cool as could be at 7 Thursday morning — scarcely 12 hours after he rode out a tornado at the Little Sioux Scout Ranch in Western Iowa.

The tornado killed two 13-year-old scouts and two 14-year-old scouts, said Lloyd Roitstein, an executive with the Mid America Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Dozens more were injured.

At a news conference Thursday morning, the four who died were identified as Aaron Eilerts, 14, of Eagle Grove, Iowa, and Josh Fennen, 13, Sam Thomsen, 13, and Ben Petrzilka, 14, all of Omaha.

Of the injured, four were in a Sioux City, Iowa, hospital in serious but stable condition. Twenty were taken to a hospital in Onawa, Iowa, where 13 were treated and released and six were admitted with minor injuries. One was transferred to Sioux City.

Eleven of the injured were taken to a hospital in Missouri Valley, Iowa. Three of those were transferred to Creighton Hospital in Omaha. Their injuries included a skull fracture, a pelvic fracture and a spinal injury.

Ninety-three scouts were at the camp Wednesday night when the tornado stormed through, leveling the shelter where they huddled as the storm approached. The scouts, ages 13 to 18, and 25 staff members were attending a weeklong leadership training camp.

The scouts were outdoors around 6:30, when the storm blew in, said Zach, a 14-year-old youth scout leader from Fremont, Neb. They saw the funnel cloud form and then ran to a shelter about a quarter mile away to take cover.

Once inside, they planned to ride out the storm by watching a movie, but the power went out. Within moments, the door blew open, and a scout leader shouted to take cover under the tables.

The scouts heard the wind and rain bearing down on them. It sounded "like freight trains coming at us," Zach said.

Zach grabbed his best friend at the camp and laid on top of him, trying to shield him from the flying debris.

"When it hit, it felt like I was getting shot at — there was rocks, dirt, grass, trees, everything," Zach said.

He took most of the shots in his back, he said.

The whole episode lasted about 30 seconds, Zach said, but he remembered it in vivid detail.

The tornado lifted a truck owned by a scout leader and flung it against the shelter's chimney. Once shaken, the chimney rose in the air, fell, rose again and then collapsed.

It was the chimney that killed the four scouts, Zach said.

The scene afterward was panicked, he

said, but the scouts quickly began helping one another.

"There was screaming. Loud screaming," he said. "I'll never forget that."

Their training helped. The scouts just a day or two before had practiced emergency response and first aid techniques — skills they used in the long moments after the tornado passed.

"The Boy Scout motto is 'Be Prepared,'" he said. "We were prepared."

Zach arrived at a hospital in nearby Onawa around 8 p.m., and met up with his father a couple hours later. His mother arrived at 3 Thursday morning.

Four scouts were in serious but stable condition Thursday morning in a Sioux City, Iowa, hospital.

"We're pleased. They're doing pretty well," said Mike Krysl, a spokesman for Mercy Hospital in Sioux City.

Three of the teens were airlifted and another was brought by ambulance. The families of all four boys are present at the hospital, Krysl said.

Sioux City is about 40 miles north of Little Sioux.

Some of the other more seriously injured scouts may also have been taken to hospitals in Omaha, which is about 40 miles south of the camp, he said.

Several dozen more scouts were treated at smaller hospitals in Onawa and Missouri Valley, Krysl said.

These "walking wounded" sustained cuts and bruises in the storm, which leveled the shelter where the boys had taken cover.

The camp's proximity to large hospitals in both Sioux City and Omaha was fortuitous, Krysl said, ensuring that no one hospital was overwhelmed.

Krysl said his hospital was "inundated" throughout the night with calls from parents trying to find their children, underscoring the confusion wrought by the tornado.



PHOTO BY MIKE RANDELL / KANSAS CITY STAR / MCT

A Boy Scout troop leader looks through what was left of a shelter Thursday, after four scouts were killed by a tornado that blew through the camp near Little Sioux, Iowa. The unidentified troop leader had been at the camp when the tornado struck on Wednesday.



PHOTO BY JULIE KOEHN / THE DAILY IOWAN

Two people sit on a bench outside Adler Journalism Building at the University of Iowa as water creeps up the sidewalk on Saturday. Adler was evacuated on Friday and sand bagging began on Saturday.

Floodwater shuts down U. Iowa campus

'We're racing against time, water' as three more feet expected

BY ALYSSA CASHMAN
THE DAILY IOWAN, U. IOWA

IOWA CITY, Iowa (U-WIRE) — Only the tops of parking meters are visible in the muck. The sandbag wall, which volunteers spent countless days erecting, has been breached in many places. A fine layer of water on the ground floor of Mayflower has developed.

The North Dubuque Street residence hall is taking on water. A walkway extends from the Cliff Apartments directly north of the dorm over the flooded parking lots to Mayflower's side door.

On central campus, notices taped to the doors of the Adler Journalism Building and the Becker Communications Studies Building warned people to stay out or face trespassing charges.

As the Iowa River sped by with a quickened current, the muddy waters continued to affect nearly every aspect of the University of Iowa.

"We're racing against time and water," said Don Guckert, UI associate vice president for Facilities Management.

At the UI Main Library, book after book with yellow-edged pages were handled cautiously as volunteers moved them from the basement. Over 100 of the volunteers formed a line, passing the volumes from person to person. They were hoping to save all the books in the basement by moving them to higher floors.

Outside, people helped to sandbag around Madison Street as occupants emptied numerous buildings. Meanwhile, officials reported that summer classes will be suspended until June 22 as professors were ordered out of all campus buildings within a couple blocks of the river.

More and more services went offline on Friday as Student Health Services and the Admissions Office closed their doors for the next week. Hours at UI QuickCare centers were also altered, which could limit many students' access

to health services as the flooding continues.

At the UI Hospitals and Clinics, health services were limited to only those who needed "essential care," according to a statement released Friday afternoon. Officials are continuing to explore ways to make sure physicians are able to make it to work.

UI officials praised volunteers and staff, saying that they were responding to the crisis to the best of their ability.

"Regardless of what Mother Nature does to us, we're responding as a family," said Charles Green, assistant vice president for the UI Police.

UI President Sally Mason called the circumstances dire but noted that everyone was "staying strong."

As access points to campus were closed off one-by-one, the administration encouraged staff and faculty to stay home. Orientation sessions

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flooding to Heartland



PHOTO BY ROBIN SVEC / THE DAILY IOWAN

The lot of McGurk-Meyers Chrysler falls victim to floodwaters in Coralville, Iowa, on Saturday.



PHOTO BY ROBIN SVEC / THE DAILY IOWAN

A truck unloads sandbags to be used in a flood relief effort in Coralville, Iowa, on Saturday.



PHOTO BY MATT BINTER / KSU COLLEGIAN / U-WIRE

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house was one of the most damaged areas of Kansas State University's campus. The house lost a large portion of its roof Wednesday night.

Tornado hits KSU's nuclear reactor

UWIRE – A tornado that ripped through Kansas State University's campus Wednesday night damaged a building housing a nuclear reactor, officials said in a statement Thursday.

The reactor is stable and was shut down Wednesday before the tornado hit, according to an alert filed with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

"There is no danger from the reactor, even if the roof and walls had been damaged," said Mo Hosni, head of K-State's department of mechanical and nuclear engineering, in a statement on the school's Web site.

Officials estimated storm damages

would exceed \$20 million. According to an announcement on the school Web site, the Wind Erosion Laboratory was destroyed.

"The damage on campus is extensive," Tom Rawson, vice president for administration and finance, said in a statement. "Roofs have been damaged or torn off, windows have been blown out in many buildings."

School officials said there were no reported injuries and the damage was primarily on the school's south campus.

Classes were canceled Thursday as officials worked to restore power and clean up debris.

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were postponed, and several events have been canceled, including the Summer Writing Festival. UI sponsored sports and music camps have been canceled as well.

On the west banks of the expanding river, the Boyd Law School was closed Friday evening. The bar review and LSAT tests were also canceled. The ACT was postponed.

Along with the Law School, the Pappajohn Business Building was also closed until at least June 23.

Guckert said they were still expecting at least three more feet of water, which suggests the battle against the Iowa River is far from over.

DI reporters Brian Stewart and Olivia Moran contributed to this report.



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Floodwater passes over Riverside Drive between Burlington and Myrtle Streets in Iowa City, Iowa, on Saturday.

Iowa River flood study never done

BY CHRISTOPHER PATTON
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IOWA CITY – A proposed and rejected project to comprehensively examine areas near the Iowa River after the 1993 flood may have allowed more accurate predictions this year.

The project was known as the Comprehensive Flood Impact-Response Modeling System. It would have allowed people living along the Iowa River to track how the discharge rate from the Coralville Reservoir would affect the water level at any given location immediately up or downstream.

Charles Newsom, a University of Iowa associate professor of physics who closely follows issues relating to the Coralville Reservoir, said the system, had it been funded, would have made it clear exactly how much financial damage any given severity of flood would cause.

"The [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers] learned one big lesson from 1993 and that was to give people more advanced warning," he said. "But [the flood project] would have allowed the city and county to get more of the information they need in order to know which areas will be hardest hit."

Jim Stiman, the chief of water management for the Army Corps of Engineers' Rock Island division, said the system would have benefited Iowa City's management more than the Corps itself.

"It would really just help the city plan and prepare," he said.

Ron Fournier, a spokesman for the Corps, said it was unable to move forward because the federal government never provided the necessary funding. The cost would have

been approximately \$3 million, he said.

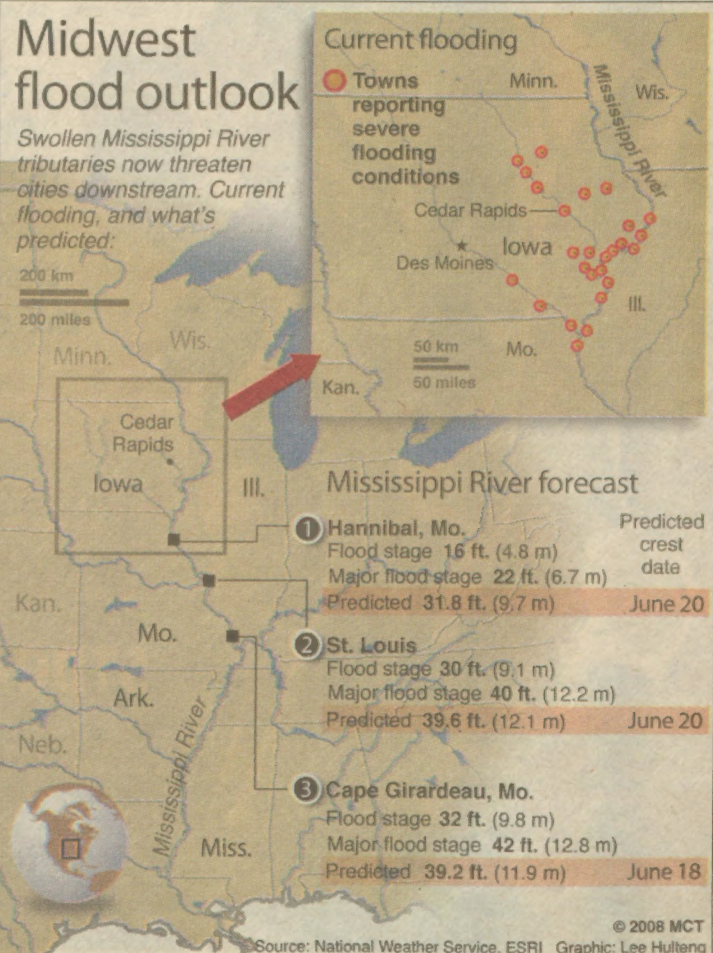
"Unfortunately, we just don't have the funding to do that sort of study," Fournier said. "Congress has to provide it, and it didn't in this case."

One way in which the Corps is better prepared now than in 1993 is that it has installed gauges in creeks entering the Iowa River below the reservoir so officials can take flash-flood conditions into account when deciding how much water to let out of the Reservoir at any given time.

However, even though the survey was never completed, Sgt. Troy Kelsay, a spokesman for the Iowa City police, said he believes the city is better prepared now because of its experience in 1993.

"We had good warning this time and great communication all around - we know when the flooding is going to happen," he said. "Also, we've had decent weather, which has allowed us to prepare."

However, he said, the Iowa River's flooding is to a large degree an uncontrollable event. Despite lessons learned and the best preparation, he said, the city is only minimally able to prevent flood damage.



Free summer events offer students affordable fun

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With gas prices at an all-time high and the cost of tuition taking another staggering jump in the fall, many students are foregoing their summer vacations and are instead learning how to pinch pennies. But, without a wallet full of cash, how does one soak up the sun and take some well-deserved time off without all the added expenditures?

Luckily for us, Omaha has several events going on throughout the summer that are both fun and easy on the pocketbook.

Shops at Legacy Amphitheater's concert series

Starting June 21 at 1 p.m., the Shops at Legacy near 169th Street and West Center Road will host free concerts every Saturday through the end of August.

The \$80,000 amphitheater has a brand new 40-foot by 60-foot stage and will feature acts like cover band Pink Cadillac, The Confidentials and the Chris Saub Trio.

This venue will also boast a blues and jazz festival on July 5, the Country Music Festival on August 16 and live music July 11 through July 13 in celebration of the Taste of West Omaha. The venue also features several food and beverage vendors and can hold around 2,500 people.

While there is VIP seating available, concertgoers should bring blankets and lawn chairs to these events.

Omaha Summer Arts Festival

Now in its 34th year, the Omaha Summer Arts Festival has several activities for adults, children and everyone in between to enjoy.

This year's theme is more Cajun-based with several performances by the Hot 8 Brass Band from New Orleans and features three days of nonstop music, unique artwork, exotic food and numerous children's activities.

Over 130 artists, both locally and nationally, will come to the metro to showcase their talents in categories like photography, painting and sculpting, just to name a few, while musicians perform on three separate stages, playing anything from blues to alternative rock. The festival also includes Tastefest for the culinary arts alongside the Nebraska Craft Brew Fest, which offers customers 14 types of beer made by six state breweries.

This event is free to the public and takes place downtown at the Gene Leahy Mall from 10th and Farnam streets to 15th and Farnam streets. The festival will open at 11 a.m. on June 27 and run through June 29.

For more information, visit summerarts.org.

Music in the Parks concert series

No matter where you reside in the metro, there is a concert venue pumping out great local music close by.



PHOTOS BY BILL WENDL

Above, crowds filled Lewis and Clark Landing for the Playing with Fire concert series. At left, Omar and the Howlers performed on June 14 in the second of five concerts presented by First National Bank.

Area parks in Bellevue, Papillion, Ralston, Elkhorn, Carter Lake, Council Bluffs, Missouri Valley and all across Omaha will host free concerts through Sept. 14.

Acts range from the Tommy K band, a rock and blues group, to Los Montunos, a Latin jazz ensemble, to even UNO's own Faculty Jazz Band. The summer concert series is free and open to all ages.

For the list of bands and performance dates and times, call 553-5818 or visit omahamusic.com.

Shakespeare on the Green

Just a few feet off of UNO's Dodge Street campus, Shakespeare comes alive at Elmwood Park where two of his most beloved plays will be performed.

"Much Ado About Nothing" and "King Lear" kicks off the Shakespeare on the Green festival's 22nd year in Omaha. UNO's very own theater professors Cindy Melby Phaneuf and D. Scott Glasser both directed the plays and even a few students can be seen acting in them.

Arriving early for seats and soaking up the atmosphere is a good idea. A Bard-B-Q (barbeque) will take place at 5:30 p.m. for those looking to grab a snack while Towne Square Musicians and other fun activities begin at 7 p.m.

"Much Ado About Nothing" plays June 19 through July 22, July 2 and July 5 while "King Lear" plays June 26 through June 29, July 3 and July 6, with each performance beginning at 8 p.m.

This event is free, although donations are accepted. For more information, call at 280-2391 or visit nebraskashakespeare.com.

Playing With Fire concert series

Last weekend marked the opening of the fifth Playing with Fire concert series, a string of free blues concerts that run once a month until September.

This event was originally created in 2004 by Jeff Davis, an Omaha businessman and music lover.

Davis, who won an Omaha Arts and

Entertainment Award in 2007 for "Best Local Show," hosts this event at the Lewis and Clark Landing, located at 300 Riverfront Drive near the Qwest Center.

With bands like Depth Perception, the Side Effects and the Blues Society of Omaha All-Stars, this series is something the whole family can enjoy.

Concert dates include July 19, Aug. 16 and Sept. 13 with all shows beginning at 4:30 p.m. While this event is free, donations are encouraged, with 25 percent of proceeds going to the Omaha Food Bank.

Visit playingwithfireomaha.com for more information about the shows.

Memorial Park concerts

Each summer, the city, along with a few sponsors like Bank of the West, brings in a few bands to perform at Memorial Park. This year is no different.

On June 27, the bank is celebrating America with a concert featuring '70s hit group Kool and the Gang, along with 38 Special and Night Wing. This show will kick off with the national anthem at 6 p.m. and wrap up with a Grucci fireworks show at 10 p.m. The city also brings in Canadian singer-songwriter Feist on July 12 to perform at the park.

Both shows are free and open to the public.

Jazz on the Green

Starting in July, Jazz on the Green presents its 24th concert at the Joslyn Art Museum on 22nd and Dodge streets.

This Omaha summer tradition kicks off on Thursday, July 10, with returning opener Dwayne Dopsie and the Zydeco Hellraisers and continues each Thursday throughout the month of July.

Due to construction in the area, these performances will take place on the north lawn so make sure you leave enough time to park. Seating is open at 4 p.m. with the concert starting at 7 p.m.

For more information, call 342-3300 or visit joslyn.org.

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At the Movies...

INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL

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With his signature fedora, adventurous demeanor and dry wit, Indiana Jones swept through movie theaters with unwavering doubt that his return to the big screen would be as smooth and successful as his last. Indy and his cast mates once again deliver an epic story that adds to this classic tale.

"Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skulls" reappears 19 years after the last installment. Jones, played by Harrison Ford, is still an adrenaline junkie thirsty for truth, but his character has made somewhat of a transition from young thrill-seeker to a spy professor on the verge of retirement.

Several gray hairs and wrinkles later, I would have liked to see his budding co-star Shia LaBeouf take more of the lead this time around. It would have made for more of a believable tale, but on that note, who goes to see Indy for a plausible storyline?

The movie starts out in 1957 with Indy being forced to help Soviet villains find a South American artifact: an odd-shaped skull made entirely out of crystal. Several scenes play out with the two groups playing tug-of-war with the treasure and even pit LaBeouf's character in a truly amazing swordfight against a Soviet leader, played by Cate Blanchett.

Love interest Karen Allen reprises her role from 1981's "Raiders of the Lost Ark" and lends great sexual chemistry for the film.

While I'm not much for action-packed adventure films, I have to admit I thoroughly enjoyed this one. My eyes were glued to the screen except during a very graphic bug scene where I thought I might get sick and was forced to turn away.

But with humor, thrills and love, it's easy to see why this film has already made \$215 million and counting.



THE INCREDIBLE HULK

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After physicist Bruce Banner is exposed to a high dose of experimental gamma radiation, he becomes the Hulk, an 8-foot tall, green giant with unimaginable strength.

Constantly pursued by the U.S. government for destruction he unintentionally causes, the Hulk isn't your typical 'cape and tights' superhero. "The Incredible Hulk" stars Edward Norton as Bruce Banner/Hulk; Liv Tyler as Betty Ross, Banner's love interest; Tim Roth as Emil Blonsky, a Yugoslavian special ops soldier recruited to bring in Banner; and William Hurt as General Ross, the man in charge of the Super-Soldier experiments that led to the creation of the Hulk and, consequently, the man responsible for his capture.

The general is also Betty's father. I imagine it's not very fun having your own daughter run around with the Hulk, who serves as a constant reminder of your greatest failure and was the main cause of death for many of his soldiers. This movie is not a sequel so much as a reboot of the 2003 Ang Lee version. This film picks up in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, with amazing shots of the labyrinthine housing districts as the stage for "Bourne Conspiracy"-like foot chases on rooftops.

The Hulk has not been seen for 157 days, and Banner has been working on a cure for his condition while taking anger management classes. From there, Banner is pursued across both North and South America. Blonsky volunteers to undergo a treatment of an experimental Super-Soldier Serum that eventually turns him into the Abomination, a stronger, more twisted version of the Hulk.

The final fight in this movie takes place in New York City, of course, and this time around, comic book fans and average moviegoers will not be disappointed.

Being a huge comic book nerd, I enjoyed this immensely and anyone with a pulse will too. It deserves five purple pants out of five.



PHOTO BY TIM FITZGERALD

From left, Carl Mammel and Mammel Scholars Jessica O'Connor, Ben Burton, Katie Nath, John Fleischmann, Kim Kesler and Amanda Hulsebus take part in the groundbreaking ceremony for Mammel Hall on June 2.

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The College of Business Administration broke ground on a new facility June 2 in a ceremony honoring the lead donors on the project.

The 120,000 square foot facility will be a three-story building on UNO's south campus. The new building will feature many more classrooms, an auditorium and an atrium.

The estimated cost of the building is \$31 million, but

the college hopes to raise \$7.5 million more to support new programs, professors and other projects. Two of the project's private donors were unveiled at the groundbreaking ceremony.

Both the Mammel Foundation as well as Bill and Ruth Scott presented gifts toward the facility. The building will be known as Mammel Hall, named for Carl and Joyce Mammel of Omaha who are lead donors.

The project is expected to be completed by fall 2010.

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in 2004.

"We are committed to keeping tuition increases moderate and predictable, and this would be the fourth year in a row of tuition at this level or lower," Milliken said in a statement.

The 6 percent increase will translate into per credit hour increase of \$10.25 for resident undergraduates at UNL and \$8.25 for similar students at UNK.

In addition to increasing tuition at the University of Nebraska campuses, the regents approved a \$4.50 per credit hour tuition hike at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis, Neb.

Two NU colleges will also face higher tuition charges, with the regents approving additional increases to students attending the UNMC College of Pharmacy and UNL Law School. Resident tuition will increase 43.7 percent, or \$2,226 per semester, for first-year pharmacy students and 13.7 percent, or \$12.25 per credit hour, for law students.

A university statement said these increases would bring the programs closer to the market average and relieve budgetary pressures on the institutions while addressing the needs of the two programs.

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and lifesavers."

All scouts and scout leaders have been accounted for.

University Village resident Amy Sokoll, a sophomore elementary education major, was at church when the storm first hit western Omaha.

Sokoll was at the Westside Community Conference Center near 108th Street and West Center Road. When a tornado warning was issued for the area, everyone was moved into a locker room, but Sokoll said she eventually went outside to have a look.

"I went outside and I saw some very menacing, swirly clouds. I could tell the front was to the east. And all of the sudden I saw one spot in the clouds directly in front of us that started to circulate," Sokoll said. "Luckily, it seemed to pass quickly and not become a tornado."

Once Sokoll returned to campus, residents of University Village were instructed to take shelter in the Weber Fine Arts Building.

"I felt very informed and safe when we were evacuated. There were [resident assistants] all over — some were watching the weather and keeping us all up to date as to what was going on," Sokoll said.

Residents of Scott Village took shelter in the Scott Village Commons Building's basement, while residents of Scott Residence Hall ducked into the first floor hallway by the laundry room.

This was not the first time campus residents had taken

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point of the area.

Aksarben Village is being built on the site of the historic Ak-Sar-Ben race track and will include approximately 750,000 square feet of space dedicated to office and research, 250,000 square feet to retail and entertainment uses, and nearly 500 housing units while attempting to retain the historical feel of the old Ak-Sar-Ben property, Noddle said.

Christine Stehno, a sophomore broadcasting major, said she thought the project was exactly what midtown Omaha needed.

"It'll be really good for this area, especially being so close to campus. I think it will be a nice place for college students to go, live or even just hang out. I think it will be very convenient and the college will really benefit from it," Stehno said.

The entire project is estimated to cost more than \$370 million, which includes all infrastructure, office, retail, residential, hospitality and academic investments. With construction underway, the estimated completion date will be in 2011 or 2012.

"These kinds of projects happen once in a community. ... We are going to have a heck of a place," Noddle said.

shelter that week, having weathered another severe storm pattern that crossed Omaha last Sunday. That storm also produced two tornadoes in southwest Omaha. There were no deaths in that storm.

"At least everyone was safe," Sokoll said.

Lisa Kuhr, a sophomore journalism major, said she woke up after the power went out around 2:30 a.m.

"I was really scared because I didn't really know what was going on," Kuhr said. "It was all very sudden. I didn't even know the weather was going to get that bad. I didn't hear any sirens so I was pretty much just confused and scared."

After about 20 minutes of taking cover in the Weber Fine Arts Building, residents were allowed to return to the dorms.

An alert system installed in each dorm unit is supposed to announce severe weather warnings and proper action. The system, however, was not functioning on Sunday.

"There were multiple things happening that night, there were power outages and other things going on. We aren't sure if those things affected the alert system or not," said Paul Kosel, assistant manager of Campus Security.

The broadcasting system was up and working again for Wednesday's storm.

The only damages reported on campus as a result of the storms were several broken trees.

For more on recent storms, including the tragedy at the Little Sioux Scout Ranch, turn to pages 4 and 5 for a special section.



PHOTO BY VALERIE LOSEKE

Picketing for pot

Matthew Pusch, right, and Kelli Coash hold signs calling for the legalization of marijuana by the Memorial Park Pedestrian Bridge on Dodge Street on Saturday. "We're hoping to eventually get on the ballot to see if we can't get it legalized," Pusch said. Pusch said he supported responsible marijuana use, such as not smoking and driving. Coash said volunteers were planning to hold signs around 4 p.m. every Thursday and Saturday to draw attention to the issue. The group was also handing out a flyer directing people to a pro-cannabis Web site, makepotlegal555.org.

- Scott Stewart

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lack of student input.

"Smoking has not been that big of an issue," said Vice President Buey Ray Tut during the meeting. "For us to agitate something that's not an issue, it's just going to erode our authority. It's just going to erode our influence among students."

Smoking has been an issue, however, in previous student government administrations. In February 2006, former President/Regent Steve Massara sponsored a forum in the Fireplace Lounge to discuss a proposal to ban smoking on campus.

When former President/Regent Alex Williams entered office that October there were three referendum questions on

smoking.

Out of 1,483 students voting, 926 (62 percent) favored a campus-wide ban.

Additionally, 1,008 (68 percent) favored a ban on the main corridor of campus — one similar to Byers' proposal this spring — and 1,057 (71 percent) favored a ban at the Criss Library's south walkway.

The library, with approval from the Chancellor's Cabinet, eventually enacted such a ban. Library Dean Steve Shorb has stated the ban is a success, despite the lack of any enforcement mechanism.

Enforcement has come up time and time again as a bone of contention among pro- and anti-ban supporters on

campus.

In fall 2004, the Faculty Senate considered a smoking ban drafted by associate professor Andris Skreija, which was motivated in part by the lack of enforcement of the 10-foot rule regarding smoking in front of public buildings. Ultimately, that effort, like subsequent efforts by student government, failed.

"The issue for the campus that's hard is the enforcement," Alder said. "It's doable; I think that people just need to have the courage to say it's a done deal. When we live in a world of negotiation we have to listen to all this stuff."

News Editor Taylor Muller contributed to this report.

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It is deeds such as this that humble me and remind me why I'm here — to serve. It helps me gain perspective and refocus my mind away from the material wealth American society promotes.

1 Peter 4:10 of the Bible

says, "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

I live such a blessed life, and I'm so thankful. In return, the least I can do is help others

in need greater than my own. It is something that is going to take conscientious effort; after all, it is human nature to expect something in return and selfless giving seems abnormal.

Thank God for D.C. United and this rediscovery.

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are freedom from arbitrary and unlawful restraint and the personal liberty that is secured by adherence to the separation of powers. It is

from these principles that the judicial authority to consider petitions from habeas corpus relief derives.

"Our opinion does not undermine the Executive's powers as Commander in Chief. On the contrary, the exercise of those powers is vindicated, not eroded, when confirmed by the Judicial Branch. Within the Constitution's separation-of-powers structure, few exercises of judicial power are as legitimate or as necessary as the responsibility to hear challenges to the authority of the Executive to imprison a person. Some of these petitioners have been in custody for six years with no definitive judicial determination as to the legality of their detention. Their access to the writ is a necessity to determine the lawfulness of their status, even if, in the end, they do not obtain the relief they seek.

"Because our Nation's past military conflicts have been of limited duration, it has been possible to leave the outer boundaries of war powers undefined. If, as some fear, terrorism continues to pose dangerous threats to us for years to come, the Court might not have this luxury. This result is not inevitable, however. The political branches, consistent with their independent obligations to interpret and uphold the Constitution, can engage in a genuine debate about how best to preserve

constitutional values while protecting the Nation from terrorism. Cf. *Hamdan*, 548 U. S., at 636 (Breyer, J., concurring) ("[J]udicial insistence upon that consultation does not weaken our Nation's ability to deal with danger. To the contrary, that insistence strengthens the Nation's ability to determine — through democratic means — how best to do so.")

"It bears repeating that our opinion does not address the content of the law that governs petitioners' detention. That is a matter yet to be determined. We hold that petitioners may invoke the fundamental procedural protections of habeas corpus. The laws and Constitution are designed to survive, and remain in force, in extraordinary times. Liberty and security can be reconciled; and in our system they are reconciled within the framework of the law. The Framers decided that habeas corpus, a right of first importance, must be a part of that framework, a part of that law.

"The determination by the Court of Appeals that the Suspension Clause and its protections are inapplicable to petitioners was in error. The judgment of the Court of Appeals is reversed. The cases are remanded to the Court of Appeals with instructions that it remand the cases to the District Court for proceedings consistent with this opinion.

"It is so ordered."

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